

Spring 2015 Newsletter

Hello Residents,

We have a lot of information to pass along in this newsletter. Please read all the information below.

First of all, thank you for all your support during the annual dues period. Upkeep, maintenance, and improvements will help keep the neighborhood the place we affectionately call home. Without your support, common areas, ditches, and amenities would not be maintained. This would lead to declining property values. With everyone's hard work, Magness Creek Village will be the place that everyone desires it to be.

The annual garage sale is on May 2nd rain or shine!! The streets are very congested for the day so please be careful when driving down the street. This is a great chance to get rid of some clutter and make a few bucks!

New Website and E-Mail Address

So who wants to remember a long website address? Not me! We have a new website and email address. The new website address is <u>http://www.magnesscreek.org</u>. The new email address is <u>poa@magnesscreek.org</u>. Please use this new email address for future communication.

We still have the old website and email address so don't worry, we will not miss any communications sent to the old address. We also are using a new mass email program that will streamline our communications to the neighborhood. The website is in the process of being revamped to make it easier to update and provide information.

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Things We Are Working On

We are in the process of getting estimates to replace the 3 common area fishing docks. The plan is to tear down the old wooden docks and replace with concrete docks similar to the bridges.

We are working on a welcome package for new residents to help convey some of the rules of the neighborhood. This will avoid some of the complaints we receive from residents.

We are going to keep an eye on lake levels. We are discussing the possibility of lowering the lakes for dock maintenance this summer. If interested please send us an email at <u>poa@magnesscreek.org</u>.

Things To Consider

With mowing season upon us, we would like to remind you to please refrain from blowing cut grass into the street. The grass clogs the street drains and carries unnecessary solids and chemicals into the lake that affect the habitat, not to mention it is quite unsightly.

Just as important PLEASE DO NOT throw grass clippings into the lakes and drainage ditches. The ditches are not a dumping ground for yard waste.

Boats, trailers and campers are required to be parked on the side of homes or in back yards and on concrete pads. The garage is also acceptable if you have the space. When parked, these items are not to extend past the front of the dwelling. Short term parking in driveways for cleaning and use prep is acceptable. This is part of the Bill of Assurance, applies to all residents (member and non-member) and is becoming a growing problem.

Please consider your neighbors when having get-togethers. Residents work and sleep at all sorts of hours. People have the right to have get-togethers but are expected to wrap it up by 10 PM regardless of the day. We have residents working all hours of the day and night and should be afforded the opportunity to sleep. Cabot nuisance laws apply to Magness Creek Village. The POA Board supports this.

Please remember that the speed limit is 25 mph in the neighborhood and that there are kids all over the place. If we did not keep getting complaints, we would not keep harping on it. Please slow down and ask your younger drivers to do the same. It's not that far to the highway, so please help.

Animal Issues

We have had a rash of missing animals that we helped find via e-mail and Facebook. We don't mind sending out communications but please do try to control your animals; this isn't a full time job!

Loose dogs roaming the neighborhood are getting more prevalent, we have had a smaller dog attacked and some pedestrians chased. There are some pretty big dogs around here and may be cuddly at home but scared and defensive if they come across strangers. Please be a responsible owner. Animal control is more than willing to come out if need.

We have had complaints about barking dogs. You may be used to it but I assure you, your neighbors are not, even if they are too nice to mention it. Please be cognizant if you have a dog that barks all day and night.

Safe Route To School

The construction on the Safe Route to School path connecting the North side with the elementary school should begin sometime after the school year is over. We expect walkers, joggers and bikers to use this path. Please be aware that there are homes on either side of the path. Please stay out of their yards and do not litter.

New Board Members

We elected new board members at the annual meeting. They are listed on the website at <u>www.magnesscreek.org</u> – welcome and thanks for volunteering!

A hearty "Thank You" to our previous members, you have made a tremendous mark on the place that we hope to continue!

The annual Easter Egg hunt went well, thanks to all that came out and all the volunteers.

If you have any questions please reference the By-Laws and the Bill of Assurance on our website.

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Thanks for all you do to keep our neighborhood beautiful!

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